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16. (New) An output method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the information received and stored in the second step is information regarding available thinned-out woods, production place of the thinned-out woods, and date of delivery of the thinned-out woods, and wherein the input information is information regarding desired thinned-out woods, desired production place of the thinned-out woods, and desired processing of the thinned-out woods.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-7 have been canceled and new claims 9-16 have been added.

Claims 1-4 and 6-7 were rejected as considered obvious over Mistr in view of the article "Earth-friendly good." The Office Action essentially considers Mistr to teach all of the elements of the claims except that the commodity is thinned-out wood, but relies on the article as teaching thinned-out wood. Insofar as this rejection applies to new claims 9-17, it is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action considers that Mistr discloses a system which "provides access to the appropriate data file for receipt and review by the commodity system user of the commodity information" which is consistent with a receiving means of the claimed invention. However, Mistr discloses that the commodity is a natural resource such as electricity or gas. Mistr does not require a manufacturer to present specification requirements for constructing elements of a final commodity (i.e. the specification requirements for components of the commodity), such as the required material or processing. Thus, the system of Mistr has no means for registering the specification requirements disclosed by the manufacturer. Moreover, Mistr does not provide a system wherein the registered specification requirements are provided to a material supplier or a processor and a material supplier or the processing inputs information on material or processing, based on the registered specification requirements.

Furthermore, Mistr discloses a system that accumulates data in real time from various sources in order to identify available transmission routes at that particular moment and provide for the timely movement of energy. Mistr has no concept of "delivery time" of material/processing and a commodity finally selected by a demander. Mistr is directed to natural resources such as electric power or gas, and does not require

the system user (material supplier or processor) to provide information on the date of delivery of the material or the processing, and the demander does not know when the commodity is delivered.

On the other hand, the claimed system allows a demander to select not only a desired commodity, but also kinds of material and processing for the commodity. In addition, the demander is able to know the date of delivery of the selected commodity. Further, since the specification requirements for components of the commodity are disclosed in advance and information on the material or the processing corresponding to the required specifications is received and registered, the manufacturer that makes a final commodity can make the commodity smoothly and improve the quality of the commodity.

Mistr does not teach or suggest the claimed system. The “Earth-friendly good” article does not remedy the defects of Mistr. Although the article describes using thinned-out wood to make, for example, furniture, the article does not describe any system to allow information on desired wood material, desired production place, and desired processing from an end user to be matched with wood available from thinned-out woods, production places, and available processing.

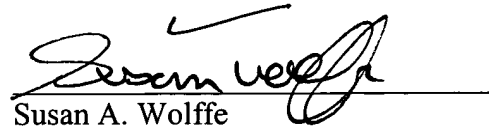
The article is completely unrelated to the delivery of natural resources as taught in Mistr thus their combination can only be based on impermissible hindsight afforded by the instant claims. In addition, there is simply no reason one skilled in the art would have substituted thinned-out wood for the electricity described in Mistr. Withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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